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REMARKS

In the Final Office Action mailed on May 4, 2007, and Advisory Action mailed July 19, 2007, claims 1-29 and 73-90 were pending. Claims 5-8 were withdrawn from consideration, and claims 1-4, 9-24, 26-29, 73-80, and 82-85 stand rejected. Claims 86-90 have been allowed, and claims 25 and 81 have been objected to but indicated allowable if rewritten in independent form incorporating the base claim and any intervening claims.

The present amendment places the application in condition for allowance by rewriting claim 25 as an independent claim by incorporating it and intervening claims 19, 23 and 24 into claim 1. Also, claim 81 has been rewritten as an independent claim by incorporating it and intervening claims 79 and 80 into claim 73. Claims 19, 23-25 and 79-81 have been cancelled to avoid redundancy with amended claims 1 and 73. In view of the amendments to claims 1 and 73 and cancellation of claims 19, 23-25 and 79-81, claims 20, 26, 27, 28 and 82 have been amended to provide proper dependency. Reinstatement of withdrawn claims 5-8 is respectfully requested since claim 1 is generic with respect to the features recited in these claims. The amendments and claim cancellations are made without acquiescence to any of the rejections made or in the characterizations of the cited references made by the Examiner and without prejudice to pursuit of the original claims in a continuing application.

Claims 1-18, 20-22, 26-29, 73-78 and 82-90 are now pending and in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the present application and withdrawal of the final rejection is respectfully requested. The undersigned would welcome an interview with the Examiner to resolve any outstanding issues with regard to the present application

Respectfully submitted,

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